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SUBJECT: R/V CHAIN CRUISES 118, 119 AND 120

1. THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE (WHOI) HAS  
SUBMITTED ITINERARY FOR R/V CHAIN FOR PERIOD 7 JAN 1975  
TO 3 MAY 1975. FOLLOWING WORK IS PROPOSED FOR R/V CHAIN.

2. CRUISE 118 - DEPARTS MALAGA 3 FEB 75 TO OCCUPY  
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STATIONS AT WHICH CONDUCTIVITY AND TEMPERATURE OF SEA

WATER WILL BE MEASURED FOR PURPOSE OF DETERMINING IF DEEP MEDITERRANEAN WATER MOVES UP AND OVER SILL AT GIBRALTAR. THIS PROJECT, UNDER DIRECTION OF CHIEF SCIENTIST HARRY BRYDEN, WILL INVOLVE WORK WITHIN CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS OF SPAIN (OFF TARIFA, CEUTA AND ISLA ALBORAN), UK (OFF GIBRALTAR) AND MOROCCO (IN STRAITS AND EASTERN APPROACHES THERETO). DATA FROM THIS PROJECT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST TO HOST COUNTRIES. THERE WILL BE SPACE AVAILABLE IN R/V CHAIN FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRY IN WHOSE TERRITORIAL WATERS SHIP WILL BE WORKING. INVITATIONS MAY BE EXTENDED WHEN REQUESTS FOR PERMISSION ARE MADE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS.

B. CRUISE 119, LEG 1, DEPARTS ALEXANDRIA 22 FEB 75 TO

CONDUCT STUDIES TO ASCERTAIN STRUCTURAL FRAMEWORK OF NILE DELTA AND CONE BY SEISMIC PROFILING (USING AIR GUNS), BY SHALLOW PENETRATION ECHO-SOUNDINGS, BY SONOBUOY STUDIES AND BY TOWING A MAGNETOMETER. THIS PROJECT, UNDER DIRECTION OF DR. DAVID A. ROSS, WILL INVOLVE WORK WITHIN EGYPTIAN CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS. EGYPTIAN SCIENTISTS WILL BE ON BOARD FOR THIS LEG. LEG 2, DEPARTING ALEXANDRIA 24 MAR 75, WILL SAMPLE BOTH OVERLYING WATER AND SEDIMENTS OF NILE DELTA AND CONE. PISTON CORES WILL BE USED AND OCCASIONAL PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN OF BOTTOM. ALSO CURRENT METERS WILL BE PLACED ON BOTTOM. THIS PROJECT, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. DAVID A. ROSS, WILL INVOLVE WORK WITHIN CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS OF EGYPT, RESULTS OF THIS WORK WILL BE AVAILABLE TO EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT ON REQUEST.

C. CRUISE 120 INVOLVES WORK ON HIGH SEA OF BLACK SEA, NONE OF WHICH WILL BE WITHIN CLAIMED TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS NOR ON THEIR SHELF. R/V CHAIN WILL MAKE BRIEF PORT STOP IN ISTANBUL ON 18 APR 75 AND 20 APR 75 TO EMBARK AND DISEMBARK THREE SCIENTISTS FROM TURKISH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

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2. R/V CHAIN IS NAVY OWNED PUBLIC VESSEL OPERATED BY WHOI, WITH A LENGTH OF 210 FT, BEAM 41 FT AND DRAFT 16 FT.  
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MASTER OF R/V CHAIN IS MICHAEL PALMIERI. VESSEL CARRIES THREE MATES, A CHIEF ENGINEER, THREE ENGINEERING ASSISTANTS, RADIO OPERATOR AND TWENTY-ONE UNLICENSED PERSONNEL, ALL OF WHOM ARE U.S. CITIZEN EMPLOYEES OF WHOI. SCIENTIFIC PARTIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN FIRMLY DETERMINED BUT WILL CONSIST OF ABOUT TWENTY PERSONS AND MAY INCLUDE ALIENS

3. REQUEST EMBASSIES OBTAIN HOST GOVERNMENT CONCURRENCE

FOR PORTION OF WORK TO BE CONDUCTED WITHIN RESPECTIVE  
CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS. FURTHER REQUEST EMBASSIES  
MADRID, CAIRO AND ANKARA OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR FOLLOWING  
R/V CHAIN PORT VISITS:

MALAGA -- 30 JAN TO 3 FEB 75

ALEXANDRIA EGYPT-- 18-22 FEB, 20 - 24 MAR, 11 - 15 APR

ISTANBUL, TURKEY -- 18 APR, 30 APR - 3 MAY

4. CHARLETS OF CRUISE AREAS WILL BE FORWARDED  
SEPARATELY. MAW

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